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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Marion Investor and Indianapolis Mortgage Broker Sentenced in  
Mortgage Fraud Scheme**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SCOTT FETTING, 45, of Indianapolis, Indiana was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment and CHRIS WINE, 29, of Marion, Indiana, was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker, following their guilty pleas to an Information charging each with one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and one count of conspiracy to conduct monetary transactions with the proceeds of an illegal activity. This case was the result of a ongoing investigation by the United States Attorney's Mortgage Fraud Task Force, particularly the Internal Revenue Service and the Postal Service, and the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

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From March 2001 to April 2002, FETTING, who operated Mill-Indy-M, a mortgage brokerage company located in Indianapolis, conspired with Chris WINE, a real estate investor who owned residential properties in Marion, Indiana, and other persons, to commit mortgage fraud and money laundering. FETTING and WINE found buyers for WINE's properties, obtained inflated appraisals for the properties, provided the borrowers with the down payment funds, and submitted false loan applications to the lenders to obtain loans on the property in excess of their true value. The excess loan funds were used to reimburse WINE and FETTING for the down payment they provided to the borrower to obtain the loan.

Both WINE and FETTING have agreed to cooperate in the ongoing investigation and their sentences were reduced from the presumptive Federal Sentencing Guidelines range because of their ongoing cooperation with federal law enforcement officials. Without their pleas of guilty and their cooperation, both WINE and FETTING would have received much more severe sentences. The investigation in this case is continuing.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Donna R. Eide, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed 3 years supervised release following FETTING's and WINE's release from imprisonment. Mr. WINE was also ordered to perform 6 hours per month community service while on supervised release, a total of 216 hours. FETTING and WINE were ordered to make restitution to the lenders who were victims in the amount of \$183,000.

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